

REMARKS

In the Office Action that was mailed on December 4, 2003, claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness; and claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,881,231) ("Takagi") in view of Keeping Passwords in Sync across Multiple Domains, IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, 0018-8689-38-1-265, vol. 38, issue no. 1, p. 265-66 (Jan. 1, 1995) ("IBM"). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 1 and 7 are independent claims.

Amendments to the Claims:

The term "condition" is amended herein to be "connection state" throughout the claims. The term "notifying" is amended herein to be "transmitting" throughout the claims. The last paragraph in each of independent claims 1 and 7 are removed therefrom, and new dependent claims 11 and 12 are added herein to recite the same. New claims 13-20 are added herein to provide an alternate recitation of the claimed invention. Claims 7-10 are amended herein to remove "step-plus-function"-type language. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Support for new claims 13-20 may be found in the Specification at page 11, line 11 – page 12, line 10, page 13, lines 28-30, page 14, lines 3-36, and page 17, lines 6-31, and at Figures 6, 7, and 9. Support for the amendments to claims 1-10 may be found in the Specification at Figure 6, S29-S31, Figure 7, S58-S59, and Figure 9, S73-S74.

Rejections of the Claims:

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 1-10 are amended herein, taking the examiner's comments into consideration and directed to overcoming the rejections thereto. The Applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the rejections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Takagi discusses an information processing system that transfers necessary information when the information becomes necessary. (Takagi, Abstract). IBM discusses sharing one password of a user with a plurality of domains. However, neither Takagi nor IBM discloses or suggests that the session managing part manages session information and provides information to the user terminal according to the connection state of the user terminal, wherein the session management part receives the connection state of the user from the connection state transmitting part activated in the user terminal. Therefore, the claimed invention (as amended herein) is patentably distinguishable over the cited references.


Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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